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FOR WHITMAN, EB/ORF/FSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG VE

SUBJ: VENEZUELAN IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEC PRICE

REF: WHITMAN-MILLS TELCON JANUARY 8

1. PETROLEUM ATTACHE CONTACTED DR. ALBERTO FLORES, OPEC GOVERNOR AND DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM ECONOMICS, MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS, FOR INFORMATION ON VENEZUELAN IMPLEMENTATION OF OPEC PRICE. FLORES STATED HE IS NOT PREPARED TO GIVE DETAILS YET SINCE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD NOT ACTED ON THIS MATTER.

2. UNDER FURTHER QUESTIONING, HE STATED INCREASE WOULD BE MODEST AND AGREED WITH EMBASSY OFFICER'S SPECULATION THAT IT WOULD CONFORM WITH OPEC FORMULA. FLORES SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DONE IN VENEZUELAN WAY, CONTAINING NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS, BUT SHOULD BE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME. (ADJUSTMENTS PRESUMABLY WILL BE FOR FREIGHT, PRODUCTION COSTS AND SULPHUR CONTENT). ASKED FOR TIMING OF DECISION, FLORES STATED IT SHOULD COME NEXT WEEK.

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3. SEVERAL PRIVATE OIL COMPANY SOURCES BELIEVE IT WILL INVOLVE  
COMPANY TAX INCREASE EQUIVALENT TO 38 CENTS PER BARREL. ONE  
EXPERIENCED OBSERVER, HOWEVER, HAS PREDICTED TAX INCREASE WILL  
EXCEED 40 CENTS PER BARREL.  
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